

REMARKS

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled all previous claims without prejudice to refilling in a continuation and added new claims 16-24. Claims 16-23 are currently pending in this application, with Claims 16, 17 and 22 being the sole independent claims.

New claims 16-23 reflect the Examiner's provisional allowance of original claims 2-7 and 10-11 if rewritten in independent form. New claims 16-21 correspond to original claims 2-7 and new claims 22-24 correspond to original claims 10-11. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants have also corrected typographical errors from the initial claims and clarified the language of the claims.

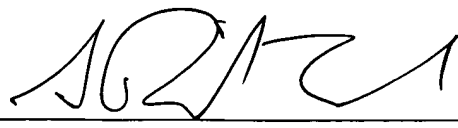
Cancellation of claims 1-15 moots the Examiner's rejections of Claims 1, 8-9 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, therefore Applicant need not substantively respond to them in this filing.

Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

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